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SUBJECT: PROPOSED SWEDISH RESOLUTION IN ECOSOC ON ENERGY

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1. AT CIEC, WE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN DEFINING THE NEED FOR AND STIMULATING FUTURE ENERGY COOPERATION IN THE NORTH/SOUTH CONTEXT. BUT BECAUSE OF PROFOUND DIFFERENCES WITHIN THE G-19, CIEC DID NOT ENDORSE THE CREATION OF AN ON-GOING ENERGY DIALOGUE NOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE TO IMPLEMENT THE ENERGY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ENVISIONED IN THE US-PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL ENERGY INSTITUTE. OUR POSITION ON THE ENERGY DIALOGUE IS THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO ALL NATIONS, PARTICULARLY SINCE WITH THE CIEC CONCLUSION, THERE IS NO INTERNATIONAL PRODUCER/CONSUMER FORUM ON ENERGY. WITHOUT A FORMAL DIALOGUE STRUCTURE, THE OIL-IMPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL LIKELY BE EXCLUDED FROM FUTURE ENERGY DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND THE OIL EXPORTING NATIONS. WE REMAIN PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE IEI CONCEPT, BUT ONLY IF THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH WOULD BENEFIT MOST -- THE OIL IMPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES -- WILL ACTIVELY PRESS FOR ITS ADOPTION.

2. THEREFORE, ON THE ENERGY DIALOGUE, IEI AND RELATED
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ISSUES, WE DO NOT INTEND TO TAKE AN ADVOCACY POSITION IN IMPENDING NORTH/SOUTH FORUMS. INSTEAD WE WILL WAIT AND SEE IF THE OIL IMPORTING MEMBERS OF THE G-77 SEIZE THE INITIATIVE AND SEEK TO GET G-77 SUPPORT ON THESE ISSUES. IF THE G-77 COMES FORWARD WITH PROPOSALS ACCEPTABLE TO THE OIL EXPORTING NATIONS, WE WILL CONSIDER THEM ON THEIR MERITS.

3. OUR VIEWS ARE GENERALLY SHARED BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE IEA. OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS, THE IEA INTENDS TO UNDERTAKE A GENERAL STOCKTAKING OF THE WORK IN THE CIEC ENERGY COMMISSION AND DEVELOP COORDINATED POSITIONS ON ANY FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES. BUT IT IS GENERALLY AGREED THAT THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES SHOULD NOT INITIATE ENERGY DISCUSSIONS IN NORTH/SOUTH FORUMS IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

4. WE SEE MERIT IN THE PROPOSED SWEDISH RESOLUTION (REFTEL), WHICH WOULD CALL FOR ECOSOC TO STUDY OVER THE NEXT YEAR WHAT ROLE THE UN SHOULD PLAY IN INTERNATIONAL ENERGY COOPERATION. BUT WE BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE TO LET INITIATIVES OF THIS SORT COME FROM THE LDCS, NOT FROM THE

INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. YOU SHOULD ADVISE JODAHN THAT WHILE WE DO NOT OPPOSE THE SWEDISH PROPOSAL, WE QUESTION THE DESIRABILITY OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES APPEARING TO BE OUT IN FRONT AT THIS TIME ON DECIDING HOW INTERNATIONAL ENERGY COOPERATION CAN BE FACILITATED IN THE UN SYSTEM. CONSEQUENTLY, WE WOULD NOT BE INCLINED TO SUPPORT THE SWEDISH PROPOSAL ACTIVELY, IF IT IS PUT FORWARD IN ECOSOC, BUT INSTEAD TO DELAY A FINAL DECISION UNTIL THE REACTION OF THE LDCS CAN BE ASSESSED. VANCE

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